

301-010 DELETE ALL DESIGNER NOTES FROM YOUR SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Use on projects with any Base Aggregate Open Graded or Base Aggregate Dense bid items. For dense graded, apply to all grades except reclaimed asphaltic pavement. Apply to all open graded base aggregates. Do not apply to the Aggregate Detours. Salvaged Asphaltic pavement Base, Breaker Run, Select Crushed, Pit Run, Subbase, or Riprap bid items.

1. 301-010 QMP Base Aggregate.

A Description

A.1 General

- (1) This special provision describes contractor quality control (QC) sampling and testing for base aggregates, documenting those test results, and documenting related production and placement process changes. This special provision also describes department quality verification (QV), independent assurance (IA), and dispute resolution.
- (2) Conform to standard spec 301, standard spec 305, and standard spec 310 as modified here in this special provision. Apply this special provision to material placed under all of the Base Aggregate Dense and Base Aggregate Open Graded bid items, except do not apply this special provision to material classified as reclaimed asphaltic pavement placed under the Base Aggregate Dense bid items.
- (3) Do not apply this special provision to material placed and paid for under the Aggregate Detours, Breaker Run, Select Crushed, Pit Run, Subbase, or Riprap bid items.
- (4) Provide and maintain a quality control program, defined as all activities related to and documentation of the following:
 1. Production and placement control and inspection.
 2. Material sampling and testing.
- (5) Chapter 8 of the department's construction and materials manual (CMM) provides additional detailed guidance for QMP work and describes required sampling and testing procedures. The contractor may obtain the CMM from the department's web site at:
<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnslt-rsrces/rdwy/default.aspx>

A.2 Small Quantities

- (1) The department defines a small quantity, for each individual Base Aggregate bid item, as a contract quantity of 9000 tons or less of material as shown in the schedule of items under that bid item.
- (2) The requirements under this special provision apply equally to a small quantity for an individual bid item except as follows:

A.2.1 Quality Control Plan

- (1) Submit an abbreviated quality control plan consisting of the following:

1. Organizational chart including names, telephone numbers, current certification(s) with HTCP number(s) and expiration date(s), and roles and responsibilities of all persons involved in the quality control program for material under affected bid items.

A.2.2 Contractor Testing

1.

Contract Quantity	Minimum Required Testing per source
≤ 6000 tons	One stockpile test prior to placement, and two production or one loadout test.
> 6000 tons and ≤ 9000 tons	One stockpile and Three placement tests ^[3] [4] [5]

- ^[1] Submit production test results to the engineer for review prior to incorporating the material into the work. Production test results are valid for a period of 3 years.
 - ^[2] If the actual quantity overruns 6,000 tons, on the next day of placement perform one randomly selected placement test for each 3000 tons, or fraction of 3000 tons, of overrun.
 - ^[3] If the actual quantity overruns 9000 tons, on the next day of placement perform one randomly selected placement test for each 3000 tons, or fraction of 3000 tons, of overrun.
 - ^[4] For 3-inch material or lift thickness of 3-inch or less, obtain samples at load-out.
 - ^[5] Divide the aggregate into uniformly sized sublots for testing
2. Stockpile testing for concrete pavement recycled in place will be sampled on the first day of production.
 3. Until a four point running average is established, individual placement tests will be used for acceptance. Submit aggregate load-out and placement test results to the engineer within one business day of obtaining the sample. Assure that all properties are within the limits specified for each test.
 4. Material represented by a subplot with any property outside the specification limits is nonconforming. The department may reject material or otherwise determine the final disposition of nonconforming material as specified in standard spec 106.5.

A.2.3 Department Testing

- (1) The department will perform testing as specified in B.8 except as follows:
 - Department stockpile verification testing prior to placement is optional for contract quantities of 500 tons or less.

B Materials

B.1 Quality Control Plan

- (1) Submit a comprehensive written quality control plan to the engineer at or before the pre-construction meeting. Do not place base before the engineer reviews and comments on the plan. Construct the project as that plan provides.
- (2) Do not change the quality control plan without the engineer's review. Update the plan with changes as they become effective. Provide a current copy of the plan to the engineer

and post in each of the contractor's laboratories as changes are adopted. Ensure that the plan provides the following elements:

1. An organizational chart with names, telephone numbers, current certifications and/or titles, and roles and responsibilities of QC personnel.
2. The process used to disseminate QC information and corrective action efforts to the appropriate persons. Include a list of recipients, the communication means that will be used, and action time frames.
3. A list of source and processing locations, section and quarter descriptions, for all aggregate materials requiring QC testing.
4. Test results for wear, sodium sulfate soundness, freeze/thaw soundness, and plasticity index of all aggregates requiring QC testing. Obtain this information from the region materials unit or from the engineer.
5. Descriptions of stockpiling and hauling methods.
6. Locations of the QC laboratory, retained sample storage, and where control charts and other documentation is posted.
7. An outline for resolving a process control problem. Include responsible personnel, required documentation, and appropriate communication steps.

B.2 Personnel

- (1) Have personnel certified under the department's highway technician certification program (HTCP) perform sampling, testing, and documentation as follows:

Required Certification Level:	Sampling or Testing Roles:
Transportation Materials Sampling Technician (TMS) Aggregate Technician I (AGGTEC-I) Aggregate Assistant Certified Technician (ACT-AGG)	Aggregate Sampling ^[1]
Aggregate Technician I (AGGTEC-I) Aggregate Assistant Certified Technician (ACT-AGG)	Aggregate Gradation Testing, Aggregate Fractured Particle Testing, Aggregate Liquid Limit and Plasticity Index Testing

^[1] Plant personnel under the direct observation of an aggregate technician certified at level one or higher may operate equipment to obtain samples.

- (2) A certified technician must coordinate and take responsibility for the work an ACT performs. Have a certified technician ensure that all sampling and testing is performed correctly, analyze test results, and post resulting data. No more than one ACT can work under a single certified technician.

B.3 Laboratory

- (1) Perform QC testing at a department-qualified laboratory. Obtain information on the Wisconsin laboratory qualification program from:

Materials Management Section
3502 Kinsman Blvd.
Madison, WI 53704
Telephone: (608) 246-5388

B.4 Quality Control Documentation

B.4.1 General

- (1) Submit base aggregate placement documentation to the engineer within 10 business days after completing base placement. Ensure that the submittal is complete, neatly organized, and includes applicable project records and control charts.

B.4.2 Records

- (1) Document all placement observations, inspection records, and control adjustments daily in a permanent field record. Also include all test results in the project records. Provide test results to the engineer within one business day after obtaining a sample. Post or distribute tabulated results using a method mutually agreeable to the engineer and contractor.

B.4.3 Control Charts

- (1) Plot gradation and fracture on the appropriate control chart as soon as test results are available. Format control charts according to CMM 8.30. Include the project number on base placement control charts. Maintain separate control charts for each base aggregate size, source or classification, and type.
- (2) Provide control charts to the engineer within one business day after obtaining a sample. Post or distribute charts using a method mutually agreeable to the engineer and contractor. Update control charts daily to include the following:
 1. Contractor individual QC tests.
 2. Department QV tests.
 3. Department IA tests.
 4. Four-point running average of the QC tests.
- (3) Except as specified under B.8.2.1 for nonconforming QV placement tests, include only QC placement tests in the running average. The contractor may plot process control or informational tests on control charts, but do not include these tests, conforming QV tests, or IA tests in the running average.

B.5 Contractor Testing

- (1) Test gradation, fracture, liquid limit and plasticity index during placement for each base aggregate size, source or classification, and type.
- (2) Perform one stockpile test from each source prior to placement.
- (3) Test gradation once per 3000 tons of material placed or fraction thereof. Determine random sample locations and provide those sample locations to the engineer. Obtain samples after the material has been bladed, mixed, and shaped but before compacting; except collect 3-inch samples or lift thickness of 3-inch or less from the stockpile at load-out. Do not sample from material used to maintain local traffic or from areas of

temporary base that will not have an overlying pavement. On days when placing only material used to maintain local traffic or only temporary base that will not have an overlying pavement, no placement testing is required.

- (4) Split each contractor QC sample and identify it according to CMM 8.30. Retain the split for seven calendar days in a dry, protected location. If requested for department comparison testing, deliver the split to the engineer within one business day.
- (5) The engineer may require additional sampling and testing to evaluate suspect material or the technician's sampling and testing procedures.
- (6) Test fracture for each gradation test until the fracture running average is above the lower warning limit. Subsequently, the contractor may reduce the frequency to one test per 10 gradation tests if the fracture running average remains above the warning limit.
- (7) Test the liquid limit and plasticity index for the first gradation test. Subsequently, test the liquid limit and plasticity index a minimum of once per 10 gradation tests.

B.6 Test Methods

B.6.1 Gradation

- (1) Test gradation using a washed analysis conforming to the following as modified in CMM 8.60:
Gradation..... AASHTO T 27
Material finer than the No. 200 sieve..... AASHTO T 11
- (2) For 3-inch base, if 3 consecutive running average points for the percent passing the No. 200 sieve are 8.5 percent or less, the contractor may use an unwashed analysis. Wash at least one sample out of 10. If a single running average for the percent passing the No. 200 sieve exceeds 8.5 percent, resume washed analyses until 3 consecutive running average points are again 8.5 percent passing or less.
- (3) Maintain a separate control chart for each sieve size specified in standard spec 305 or standard spec 310 for each base aggregate size, source or classification, and type. Set control and warning limits based on the standard specification gradation limits as follows:
 1. Control limits are at the upper and lower specification limits.
 2. There are no upper warning limits for sieves allowing 100 percent passing and no lower control limits for sieves allowing 0 percent passing.
 3. Dense graded warning limits, except for the No. 200 sieve, are 2 percent within the upper and lower control limits. Warning limits for the No. 200 sieve are set 0.5 percent within the upper and lower control limits.
 4. Open graded warning limits for the 1-inch, 3/8-inch, and No. 4 sieves are 2 percent within the upper and lower control limits. Upper warning limits for the No. 10, No. 40, and No. 200 sieves are 1 percent inside the upper control limit.

B.6.2 Fracture

- (1) Test fracture conforming to CMM 8.60. The engineer will waive fractured particle testing on quarried stone.
- (2) Maintain a separate fracture control chart for each base aggregate size, source or classification, and type. Set the lower control limit at the contract specification limit, either specified in another special provision or in table 301-2 of standard spec 301.2.4.5. Set the lower warning limit 2 percent above the lower control limit. There are no upper limits.

B.6.3 Liquid Limit and Plasticity

- (1) Test the liquid limit and plasticity according to AASHTO T 89 and T 90.
- (2) Ensure the material conforms to the limits specified in standard spec table 301-2.

B.7 Corrective Action

B.7.1 General

- (1) Consider corrective action when the running average trends toward a warning limit. Take corrective action if an individual test exceeds the contract specification limit. Document all corrective actions both in the project records and on the appropriate control chart.

B.7.2 Placement Corrective Action

- (1) Do not blend additional material on the roadbed to correct gradation problems.
- (2) Notify the engineer whenever the running average exceeds a warning limit. When two consecutive running averages exceed a warning limit, the engineer and contractor will discuss appropriate corrective action. Perform the engineer's recommended corrective action and increase the testing frequency as follows:
 1. For gradation, increase the QC testing frequency to at least one randomly sampled test per 1000 tons placed.
 2. For fracture, increase the QC testing frequency to at least one test per gradation test.
- (3) If corrective action improves the property in question such that the running average after four additional tests is within the warning limits, the contractor may return to the testing frequency specified in B.5.3. If corrective action does not improve the property in question such that the running average after four additional individual tests is still in the warning band, repeat the steps outlined above starting with engineer notification.
- (4) If the running average exceeds a control limit, material starting from the first running average exceeding the control limit and ending at the first subsequent running average inside the control limit is nonconforming and subject to pay reduction.
- (5) For individual test results significantly outside the control limits, notify the engineer, stop placing base, and suspend other activities that may affect the area in question. The engineer and contractor will jointly review data, data reduction, and data analysis; evaluate sampling and testing procedures; and perform additional testing as required to determine the extent of potentially unacceptable material. The engineer may direct the

contractor to remove and replace that material. Individual test results are significantly outside the control limits if meeting one or more of the following criteria:

1. A gradation control limit for the No. 200 sieve is exceeded by more than 3.0 percent.
2. A gradation control limit for any sieve, except the No. 200, is exceeded by more than 5.0 percent.
3. The fracture control limit is exceeded by more than 10.0 percent.

B.8 Department Testing

B.8.1 General

- (1) The department will conduct verification testing to validate the quality of the product and independent assurance testing to evaluate the sampling and testing. The department will provide the contractor with a listing of names and telephone numbers of all QV and IA personnel for the project, and provide test results to the contractor within two business days after the department obtains the sample.

B.8.2 Verification Testing

B.8.2.1 General

- (1) The department will have an HTCP technician, or ACT working under a certified technician, perform QV sampling and testing. Department verification testing personnel must meet the same certification level requirements specified in B.2 for contractor testing personnel for each test result being verified. The department will notify the contractor before sampling so the contractor can observe QV sampling.
- (2) The department will conduct QV tests of each base aggregate size, source or classification, and type during placement conforming to the following:
 1. Perform one stockpile test from each source prior to placement.
 2. At least one random test per 30,000 tons, or fraction of 30,000 tons, placed.
- (3) The department will sample randomly, at locations independent of the contractor's QC work, collecting one sample at each QV location. The department will collect QV samples after the material has been bladed, mixed, and shaped but before compacting; except, for 3-inch aggregates or for a lift thickness of 3-inch or less, the department will collect samples at load-out. The department will split each sample, test half for QV, and retain half.
- (4) The department will conduct QV tests in a separate laboratory and with separate equipment from the contractor's QC tests. The department will use the same methods specified for QC testing.
- (5) The department will assess QV results by comparing to the appropriate specification limits. If QV test results conform to the specification, the department will take no further action. If QV test results are nonconforming, add the QV to the QC test results as if it were an additional QC test.

B.8.3 Independent Assurance

- (1) Independence assurance is unbiased testing the department performs to evaluate the department's QV and the contractor's QC sampling and testing including personnel qualifications, procedures, and equipment. The department will perform an IA review according to the department's independent assurance program. That review may include one or more of the following:
 1. Split sample testing.
 2. Proficiency sample testing.
 3. Witnessing sampling and testing.
 4. Test equipment calibration checks.
 5. Reviewing required worksheets and control charts.
 6. Requesting that testing personnel perform additional sampling and testing.
- (2) If the department identifies a deficiency, and after further investigation confirms it, correct that deficiency. If the contractor does not correct or fails to cooperate in resolving identified deficiencies, the engineer may suspend placement until action is taken. Resolve disputes as specified in B.9.

B.9 Dispute Resolution

- (1) The engineer and contractor should make every effort to avoid conflict. If a dispute between some aspect of the contractor's and the engineer's testing program does occur, seek a solution mutually agreeable to the project personnel. The department and contractor may review the data, examine data reduction and analysis methods, evaluate sampling and testing procedures, and perform additional testing. Use ASTM E 178 to evaluate potential statistically outlying data.
- (2) Production test results, and results from other process control testing, may be considered when resolving a dispute.
- (3) If the project personnel cannot resolve a dispute, and the dispute affects payment or could result in incorporating non-conforming product, the department will use third party testing to resolve the dispute. The department's central office laboratory, or a mutually agreed on independent testing laboratory, will provide this testing. The engineer and contractor will abide by the results of the third party tests. The party in error will pay service charges incurred for testing by an independent laboratory. The department may use third party test results to evaluate the quality of questionable materials and determine the appropriate payment. The department may reject material or otherwise determine the final disposition of nonconforming material as specified in standard spec 106.5.

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E Payment

- (1) Costs for all sampling, testing, and documentation required under this special provision are incidental to this work. If the contractor fails to perform the work required under this

special provision, the department may reduce the contractor's pay. The department will administer pay reduction under the non-performance of QMP administrative item.

- (2) For material represented by a running average exceeding a control limit, the department will reduce pay according to CMM 8-10.6.2 for the affected Base Aggregate bid items listed in subsection A. The department will administer pay reduction under the Nonconforming QMP Base Aggregate Gradation or Nonconforming QMP Base Aggregate Fracture Administrative items. The department will determine the quantity of nonconforming material as specified in B.7.2.

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